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: DECISION ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed, July 14, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to file a proper reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed November 29, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from its mailing date. Extensions of the time set for reply were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A response was filed on March 28, 2006, with a request for an extension of time within the first month. An Advisory Action mailed April 13, 2006, advised petitioner that the response of March 28, 2006, would not be entered. No further responses were received within the allowable period. The application became abandoned on March 30, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 11, 2006.

The Request for Continued Examination filed July 14, 2006, is noted and made of record.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600, GAU 3641 for further processing.

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